

## A ROBBER FOILED

By ALVAH MILTON KERR

Prindle, our line repairer, was rather slender, but with highly developed muscles in fingers, arms and shoulders, and with nerve to face anything. Several years of labor with the pliers had given him a finger-grip which caused his chums to avoid shaking hands with him. He could make an insulator die with a No. 6 iron wire with apparent ease. This remarkable power of concentration in the finger muscles once saved him from probable death.

In 1893 a local company in Layton had installed a telephone exchange. Several of their wires paralleled the telephone wires along the tracks, and also those of the lighting and power company in the streets. The result was a bad case of induction, that mysterious transference of electrical impulse between wires when there is no direct connection.

So great was the influence of the telephone and power wires on the wires of the telephone company that the rattle and clicking of our instruments could be distinctly heard in the telephone receivers, and the singing snarl of the dynamo at the power house annoyed every one trying to use the phone.

The manager angrily declared that some enemy of his company had thrown thread-like copper wires across from wire to wire, thus tangling up the currents.

Prindle "went over" the wires carefully twice and reported that he could find no "cross" of that sort. Still he kept his eye upon the wires, mainly because the telephone manager's daughter was his very best friend.

Emerging from the manager's house one night near the hour of 12, he noticed a dark figure stealing down a side street. Touched with suspicion, Prindle followed after the skulking

With pistol in hand he began stepping craftily toward the closet, but a board in the floor creaked and the muffled noise of the saw suddenly ceased. The line man held his breath. A misty kind of darkness filled the room, the moon's radiance being reflected dimly from the opposite wall of the alley. An instant later he saw the door of the closet pushed open and the outline of a human form rising in the opening. To the burglar the dim and immovable figure in the middle of the room must have seemed frightful. Had Prindle not spoken it is possible the robber would have fallen on his knees, thinking he was confronted by a spirit, but when Prindle said quietly, though with a distinguishable tremor of excitement: "Throw up your hands, mister, or I'll fire," a sudden fury of energy moved the man. He came across the room in one long leap and struck against Prindle like a bolt. The line man went against the wall with a thud and the pistol struck the ceiling and exploded. The burglar whirled round and disappeared through an inner door leading into the passage-way.

Prindle hastily felt about the floor for the revolver, but the weapon not meeting his hand at once he rushed after the burglar. His blood was on fire with anger. Listening an instant, he heard feet flying up the stairs above him. Apparently the robber had planned to escape to the roof and slide down a rain pipe into the dark alley at the rear.

Prindle sprang up through the roof-hatch as the man crossed the almost flat roof toward the rear, and caught him as he reached the low parapet wall at the roof's edge.

The robber was of larger and heavier mold than the line man, and was desperate. As they grappled he tried to draw a knife from his pocket, but Prindle clutched those awful fingers of his into the man's throat and tripped him backward. They fell together on the pitch and gravel of the roof, but the rush and fall threw Prindle beyond his antagonist, tearing his hold loose. In another breath they were together again, fighting desperately.

As they came striking and struggling into the angle of the parapet, Prindle suddenly found himself lifted bodily, and the next instant he was being pressed over the wall. Feeling himself going, he set his fingers into the biceps of the burglar's left arm and plucked his right hand. In that awful moment he felt the cords of his arms and fingers contract until they burned like hot wires. With a cry of agony the robber jerked him back to the roof, then whirled and ran across the roof, drawing his knife as he fled. Prindle saw the moonlight glint on the knife blade, and, though infuriated with the passion of battle, he recoiled. The burglar turned in the angle of the wall, striving to regain breath before the next onset.

An electric power wire stretched across the roof some eight or nine feet above the floor. Prindle drew a pair of rubber-faced gloves from his pocket, pulled them on, and suddenly leaped up and caught the wire. As he descended the wire snapped and fell to the roof. Instantly he caught up the two ends of it and sprang at the robber, who met him with uplifted knife.

The crackman seemed to divine the terrible nature of the tiny weapons in the line man's hands, for his face blanched white. In the moonlight Prindle looked equally pale. If he could touch the robber's flesh with the bare ends of the wires he would win; if not, he would probably die by the other's knife.

It was a strange duel. They feinted several times, then struck together. The clothing was sheared away from Prindle's arm, but the burglar fell in a knotted, quivering heap. The point of one of the live wires had gone up his sleeve, the other had punctured his neck.

When the burglar recovered his senses Prindle had him securely tied with detached pieces of the wire and was at the front parapet of the roof, looking up and down the street for an officer.

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